

~~IN NEW REPORTS, THE LITTLE GULL WAS NOT FOUND, TODAY, OCT 9, DESPITE CONSIDERABLE SEARCHING - THERE WAS A PEREGRINE FALCON AT THE JESTER PARK AREA AND 4 SANDERLINGS AT OAK GROVE BEACH.~~

AND A BLACK RAIL WAS FOUND IN DICKINSON COUNTY ON OCTOBER 9TH AT A NEW STATE AREA M-BREEN MARSH, 2 MILES WEST OF SPIRIT LAKE THE BIRD WAS IN ^{A LUMP OF} RIVER BULLWEES AT THE SOUTH END OF A SPALLOWS MARSH WHICH RUNS NORTH-SOUTH TOWARD THE NORTH EDGE OF THE AREA IT IS A POPULAR DUCK HUNTING AREA, SO AFTER HAWK WOULD BE BEST. FOR MORE DETAILS OR DIRECTION, CALL JIM NANSSEN AT CLEAR LAKE AT (515) 357-3517

~~START~~ IN SIGHTINGS, TODAY FRIDAY THE 13TH AT SANDERLING CREEK, MANY V. LONTE'S SPARROWS, ESPECIALLY NUMEROUS IN THE FIELDS BETWEEN CHERRY CREEK AND OAK GROVE REC AREAS. AT CHERRY CREEK A WESTERN GREBE AND WATER PIDITS, AT SANDERLING, A MERLIN, \$ DOWNY SPELIES, A SANDERLING, AND A LATE SEMIPALMATED PLOVER, AND AT BIG CREEK STATE PARK BEACH, 20 LESSER GOLDEN PLOVERS. HOWEVER, THE LITTLE GULL WAS NOT SEEN & HAS NOT BEEN SINCE ITS DISCOVERY OCT 8TH, AND THE SURF SCOTERS WERE NOT FOUND

A LITTLE GULL AND SURF SCOTERS, IN CENTRAL IOWA, AND A PRARIE FALLON IN NORTHWEST IOWA ARE THE WEEK'S HIGHLIGHTS.

ON SUNDAY, ^{MORNING} OCT. 9 AT THE SAILORVILLE RESERVOIR NORTH OF DES MOINES, AN ADULT LITTLE GULL WAS SEEN AT THE BEACH AREA OF THE OAK GROVE RECREATION AREA. THERE ARE MANY GULLS AT SAILORVILLE INCLUDING BONAPARTE'S AND FRANKLIN'S, AND THE LITTLE GULL WAS NOT RELOCATED THE REST OF THE DAY. TWO OF THE GULLS' FAVORITE LOCATIONS ARE THE BEACHES AT OAK GROVE AND SANDPIPER, AND SINCE THE ROAD TO BETHEL IS CLOSED YOU MUST WALK IN TO OAK GROVE FROM CHERRY WEN AND SANDPIPER FROM THE END OF THE MARINA ROAD. ALSO ON THE 8TH, 3 SURF SCOTERS WERE JUST ABOVE THE SAILORVILLE DAM AND A SANDWILLING AT THE OAK GROVE BEACH ON THE 7TH. ALSO EARED AND HORNED GREBBS ON THE LAKE OUTREACH

ALSO IN CENTRAL IOWA AT BADGER CREEK STATE PARK IN MADISON COUNTY, A NORTHERN GOSHAWK ON THE 7TH AND A PEREGRINE FALCON ON THE 8TH.

AND WE HAVE HAD NO FURTHER REPORTS ON THE FIRST WINTER PLUMAGED LESSER BLACK-BACKED GULL, SEEN OCTOBER 5TH BELOW THE DAM AT RED ROCK RESERVOIR IN MARION COUNTY.

IN NORTHWEST IOWA, A PRARIE CALLON WAS SPOTTED
4 MILES SOUTH OF LAURENS IN POCAHONTAS COUNTY ^{ON THE 7TH} ALSO
IN LAURENS, BROWN CREAMERS, RED-BREASTED NUTHATCHES AND
BOTH KINGLET SPECIES.

IN SOUTHEAST IOWA, AT THE SANDBAR ON THE ALLISON
RIVER 10 MILES NORTH OF BURLINGTON, 12 BLACK-BELLIED
CROCKERS ON THE 7TH, BUT JUST 2 ON THE 8TH.

AT FAIRFIELD, IN JEFFERSON COUNTY AN OSPREY AND
5 SWIPES ^{AND LINCOLN'S SPARROW} AT WATSON LAKE AND 300 CEDAR WAX-
WINGS AT THE CEMETERY ON THE 7TH.

IN NORTHEAST IOWA AT PAID MARSH IN LINN COUNTY
A LATE BLACK-BILLED CUCKOO AND ORANGE-CROWNED
WARBLER ON THE 7TH AND A WESTERN CREEPER AT
CEDAR LAKE IN CEDAR RAPIDS ON THE 6TH, BUT NOT
SEEN THERE ON THE 7TH OR 8TH. AND AT OTTER CREEK
MARSH IN TAMA COUNTY A SANDHILL CRANE AT
THE WEST END ON THE 4TH.

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